several factors including comprehensiveness of project reports, expeditious response of the project authorities to various comments/observations of the Central Electricity Authority/Central Water Commission, availability of various inputs and clearances such as fuel availability, water availability, environment and forest clearance, clearance from State Pollution Control Board and National Airports Authority, etc., and the relative priority accorded by the State Government to the projects in terms of allocation of funds, resolution of inter-State disputes in sharing of water resources. As such, it is not feasible to indicate the time frame for clearance of these projects.

Statement

Statement showing number of Thermal & Hydel generating schemes pending approval of Central Government (as on 28.2.1989)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of projects	Period of submission of project report
NORTHERN REGION			
1.	Haryana	4	5/85 to 8/87
2.	Himachal Pradesh	4	11/84 to 7/87
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	13	10/81 to 1/89
4.	Punjab	9	6/71 to 11/88
5.	Uttar Pradesh	9	12/78 to 1/89
6.	Rajasthan	4	5/84 to 9/86
7.	Delhi	1	9/87
WESTERN REGION			
1.	Gujarat	10	5/81 to 8/88
2.	Madhya Pradesh	12	5/81 to 2/89
3.	Maharashtra	7	3/81 to 1/89
SOUTHERN REGION			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11	7/83 to 2/89
2.	Karnataka	4	10/82 to 1/89
3.	Kerala	6	3/86 to 2/89
4.	Tamil Nadu	6	4/84 to 1/89
EASTERN REGION			
1.	Bihar	7	1/86 to 1/89
2.	Orissa	1	8/88
3.	West Bengal	3	3/78 to 12/88
NORTH-EASTERN REGION			
1.	Assam	2	6/88 to 12/88
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4	5/88 to 2/89
3.	Manipur	3	7/80 to 1/89
4.	Mizoram	1	8/87
5.	Tripura	3	4/87 to 1/89
6.	Nagaland	1	6/88
7.	Common Projects	3	5/81 to 5/84

Efforts made on harnessing salinity energy

1930. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts on harnessing salinity energy potential in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard; and

(c) the outcome of the exploration made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Under the programmes taken up by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, research and development projects on Solar Pond Technology are being carried out at Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore and Gujarat Dairy Development Corporation's Dairy at Bhuj. Research on providing energy from salinity gradients

near coastal locations is also being taken up.

(c) Solar Pond of area 240m^2 has successfully been stabilized at 80°C at Bangalore and currently the suitability of the Pond for providing process heat is being studied

Solar Pond of area 5000m^2 is under construction at Bhuj. The pond would provide hot water for the dairy.

Follow up action on Chari Committee Recommendations

1931 SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 145 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1988 and state:

(a) when the recommendations of the Chari Committee about 'Issues in Coal' were submitted to Government;

(b) which of the recommendations have been accepted by Government and with what results and which recommendations have been rejected/amended and what are the reasons for the same; and

(c) what is the implementation stage of each accepted recommendation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Chari Committee submitted in February, 1988 the report 'ISSUES IN COAL' to the Advisory Board on Energy who had commissioned the study

(b) and (c) As per procedure prescribed, Advisory Board on Energy considered the report and submitted its recommendations to the Special Committee of Secretaries. The recommendations/observations made by the Special Committee of Secretaries have been received in September, 1988/January, 1989 and those are being processed for consideration of the Government

World Bank's displeasure over NTPC'S Dues

1932. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 593 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the World Bank has expressed its concern over the substantial sums that the State Electricity Boards owe to the National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(b) whether the World Bank has pointed out that in future funding will be linked to the recovery of the over dues by the NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI). (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Financing the subsidies to the State Electricity Boards

1933 SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the State Power Ministers' Conference held in January last, he had warned that the whole power system in the country would collapse, if the State